



# CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Falls Church Civil War Day in Cherry Hill Park**

**Saturday, May 21, 2005**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. - The City of Falls Church will host Civil War Day—a living-history event depicting the Falls Church homefront during the Civil War—on Saturday, May 21, 2005. This free event will be held rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Cherry Hill Park, located at 312 Park Ave. in Falls Church.

Check out drilling and firing demonstrations, period music, and free admission to the Civil War era farmhouse throughout the day. Featured events include:

**Civilians Under Siege** – Listen to true stories of residents who first fled the Confederate army and returned to find Union soldiers encamped in their fields.

**The Life of a Soldier** – Discover life in camp, hear soldiers' letters home, and explore medical practices.

**Spy Stories - High & Low** – Learn about local spies arrested in town and Thaddeus Lowe's aerial surveillance from his balloon launched in Falls Church.

**Ladies Rally to the Cause** – Experience a living-history demonstration of the Ladies Sanitary Commission.

**Civil War Fashion Show**

**Local Civil War Sites Bus Tour** – 10:30 a.m. Call 703-248-5171 for reservations.

**Box Lunches** – \$6. Order in advance by calling 703-248-5171.

For more information, please call 703-248-5171. This event is sponsored by the Victorian Society of Falls Church, the Falls Church Historical Commission, and the Falls Church Recreation & Parks Division.

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**WHEN:** Saturday, May 21, 2005  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Cherry Hill Park  
312 Park Ave.  
Falls Church, VA 22046

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